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Saranda Action Plan
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details and objectives of the Saranda action plan in the State of Jharkhand;

(b) the total expenditure incurred on the said plan till date;

(c) whether widespread corruption and irregularities in Saranda action plan have come to the notice of the Government; and

(d) if so, the details of outcome of the review/investigation conducted in this regard and the follow-up steps being taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a): Saranda Development Plan is an ambitious project to bring about development in the remote pockets of Saranda forest of West Singhbhum district. The area was once the South Eastern headquarters of Maoists in India. The governrnent started Operation Anaconda to wipe out naxals from the forest. The development program was initiated in the 6 panchayats of Manoharpur block which were rnost affected by the maoist menace namely; Chotanagra, Gangda, Lailore, Makranda, Digha and Chiriya. Various schemes such as Mahatama Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Indira Awas Yojana (IAY), National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) etc. were implemented intensively in the region. Apart from these all forms of welfare and development schemes from respective departments are running in the area with greater efficiency. The major objectives of the Saranda Development Plan are:

1. To fight Naxalism and to develop the region

2. To bridge the trust deficit by implementation of the "clear, hold & own" policy.

3. To introduce Bottom Up approach involving local populace and to ensure Multi Stake holders" participation.

4. To create awareness and access leading to demand generation.

5. To create infrastructure and resources in terms of supply.

(b): The total expenditure incurred in the Saranda Development Plan is Rs. 90.20 Crores till date.

(c) and (d): As per the information received from West Singhbhum District, some instances were noticed regarding delayed payment of 2nd Installment in IAY. The concerned Block Development Officer (BDO) was directed to verify the same and till date 3601 beneficiaries have been given the 2nd installment.

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